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CHRISTIAN
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Tom Skinner UP! FROM HARLEM

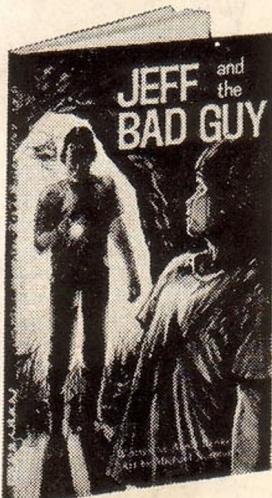


TALK ABOUT

ADVENTURE

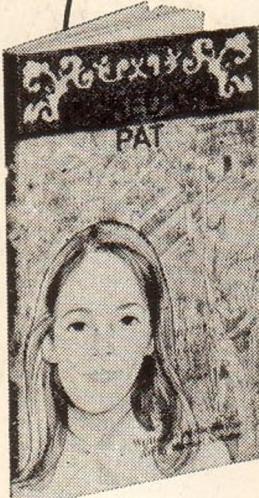
WE GET INTO IT!!
THE HALEY
KIDS

READ
ABOUT US IN...



JEFF AND THE BAD GUY

While exploring a cave, we come across an escaped convict. A scary accident teaches us better. 95¢



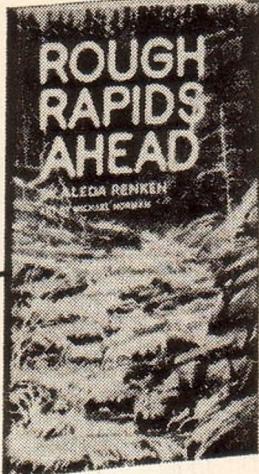
PICKED-ON PAT

Pat's the only girl in our family—with three boys! Here life gets exciting for her—with flashing lights, the old rock house, and . . . ? 95¢



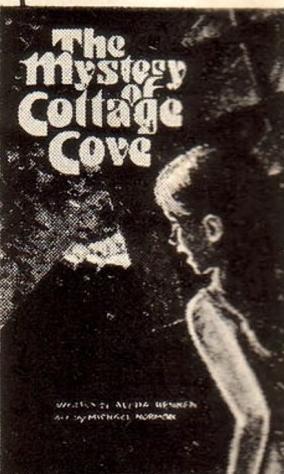
THE TWO CHRISTMASES

Sam, our best friend, spends his Christmas in the city. We're in the country. You'd never guess the excitement! \$1.00



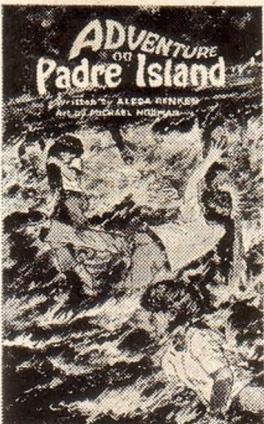
ROUGH RAPIDS AHEAD

We boys set out camping and canoeing. It's a matter of life and death all the way! \$1.00



MYSTERY OF COTTAGE COVE

Ghosts? What is it about this resort town? Our vacation with Sam and Granny gives us the chance to find out. \$1.25



ADVENTURE ON PADRE ISLAND

On the Gulf coast two of us plus Sam find more thrills than we'd bargained for. Look out! \$1.25

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YOU
SPEAKIN'
ABOUT
LOVE,
MAN
???

THAT'S
MY
BAG!!!

BAR

COCKTAIL

SHAF

W. 123

VEGETABL



IT'S MINE,
TOO, HONEY---
AND I'M
READY!!!

W. 123







WHEN THE
WASHINGTON
REDSKINS
WON THE
PLAY-OFFS...
HE LED
THE TEAM IN
PRAYER!

HE'S THE
REDSKIN'S
CHAPLAIN!
THE WHOLE
COUNTRY
HEARD HIM
PRAY
!!!



LORD,
WE THANK
YOU FOR THIS
VICTORY---

OVER 40 MILLION TV SETS
CAUGHT THIS SCENE!



Tom Skinner **UP**
FROM
HARLEM

WELL,
WE'RE NOT
**PLAYING
GAMES**
AROUND HERE
!!!

I KNOW
THE KIND
OF ACTION
YOU'VE GOT
GOING---

I'VE BEEN
IN IT UP TO
MY EARS
!!!

YOU
?

SURE,
LISTEN ---

I TOOK 20 LASHES
TO JOIN THE HARLEM LORDS
WHEN I WAS 14 !!!

SKINNER'S
GOT
GUTS
!!!

HARLEM
LORDS

VIOLENCE WAS A
WAY OF LIFE FOR
OUR GANG !!!



I SOON CHALLENGED
OUR GANG LEADER---

JOE, AS OF NOW,
I'M THE NEW LEADER
OF THE LORDS---

AND
YOU'RE
OUT!!!

YOUR
BLADE BETTER
BE AS FAST AS
YOUR MOUTH
!!!

OKAY,
SKINNER---

YOU
WIN
!!!

MAN!
THAT TOM
SKINNER'S
REALLY GOT IT
TOGETHER!!!



IF WE PULL OFF
THIS RUMBLE
TOMORROW, WE'LL
BE NUMBER ONE
IN HARLEM!!!

RIGHT
ON!!!

THE FUZZ
WILL FREAK
OUT!!!

THERE'LL BE
3,000 CATS
IN ON THIS!!!



WHAT
ABOUT
TONIGHT,
TOM---

ANY
RIP-OFFS
???

NO---

I'VE
GOT TO
PREPARE
OUR STRATEGY
FOR TOMORROW
???



I'LL DIG
SOME ROCK
WHILE I
PLAN!!!

CLIK!



GOD
LOVES YOU,
MAN---

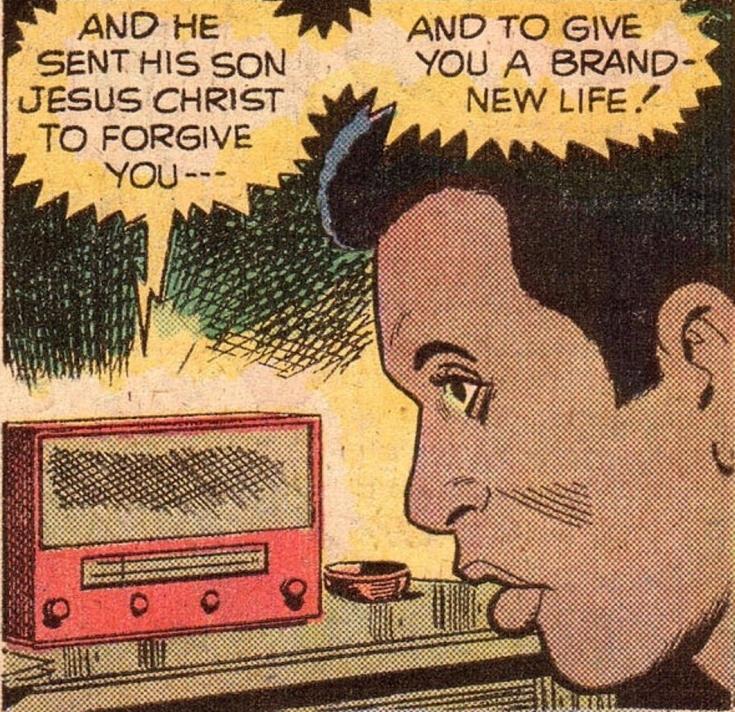
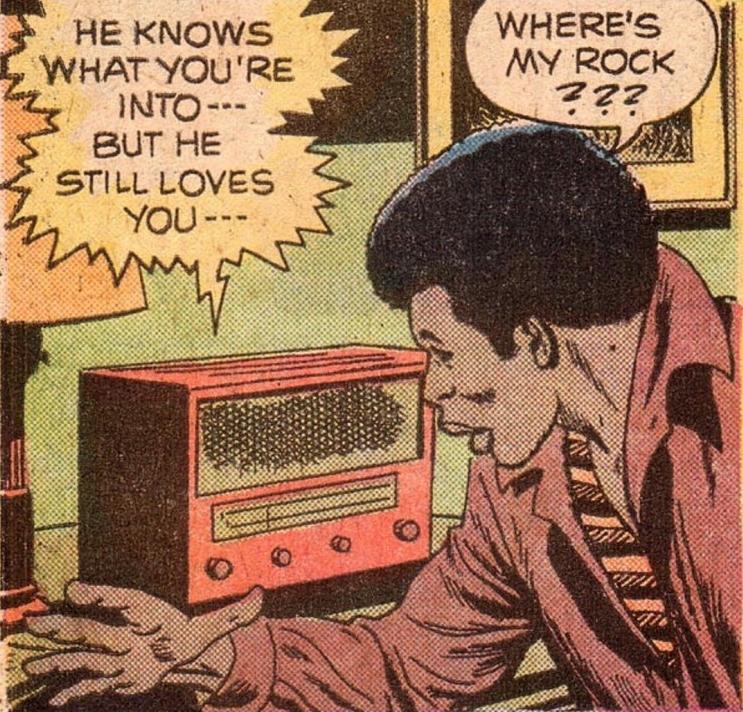


HE KNOWS
WHAT YOU'RE
INTO---
BUT HE
STILL LOVES
YOU---

WHERE'S
MY ROCK
???

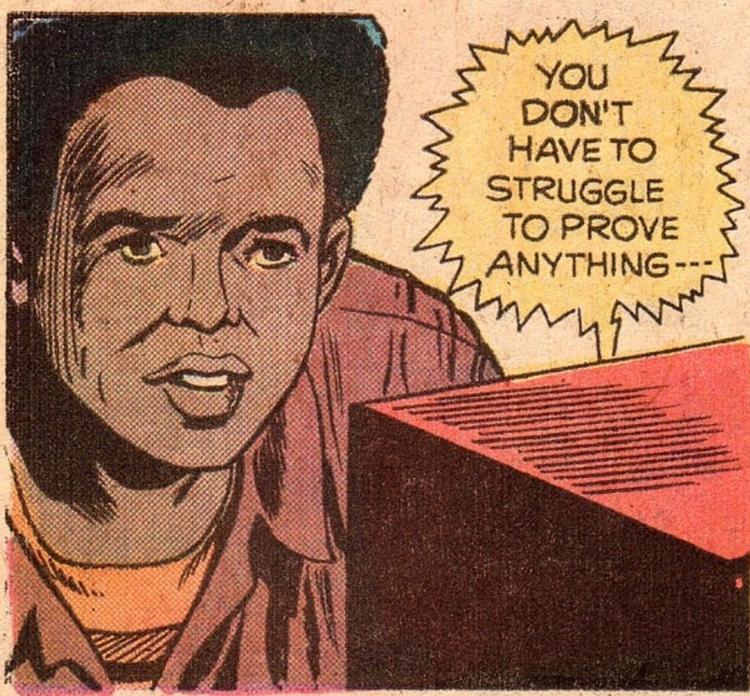
AND HE
SENT HIS SON
JESUS CHRIST
TO FORGIVE
YOU---

AND TO GIVE
YOU A BRAND-
NEW LIFE!



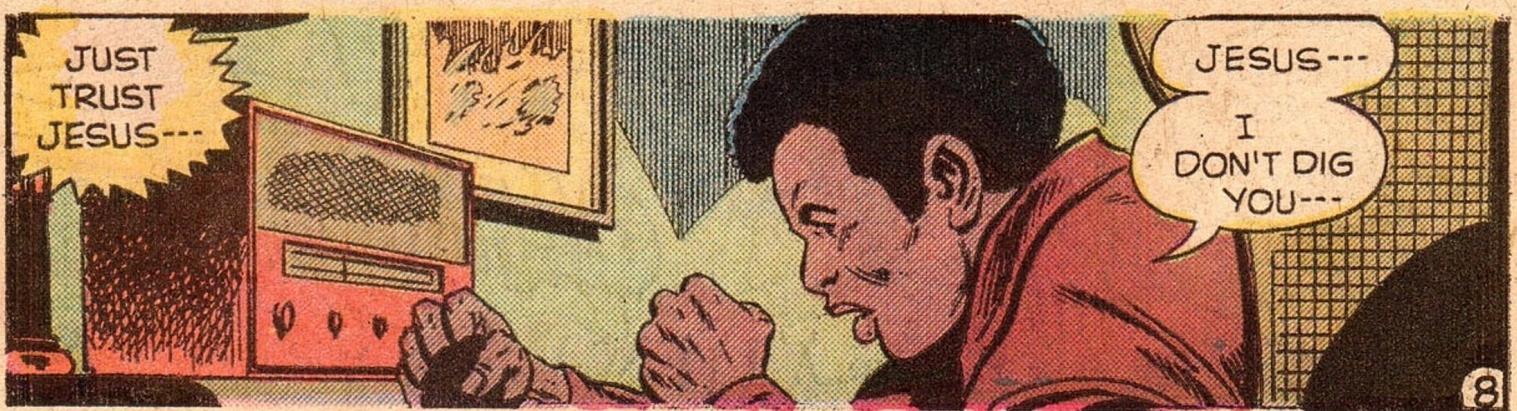
YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
STRUGGLE
TO PROVE
ANYTHING---

YOU
CAN BE
GOD'S SON
RIGHT
NOW---



JUST
TRUST
JESUS---

JESUS---
I
DON'T DIG
YOU---



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
YOU'RE UP TO
IN MY LIFE---

--- BUT IF WHAT
I'M HEARING IS **TRUE**,
I'LL TRUST YOU WITH
MY WHOLE LIFE!

SO WHAT
DID GOD
DO ???

SEND
YOU A
COUPLE OF
**WHITE
ANGELS**
???

LET
ME
TELL
YOU---

HE WAS THERE WHEN I
TOLD MY GANG I WAS
FINISHED WITH VIOLENCE!!!

HOW DO
YOU KNOW
GOD WAS
THERE ?

ONE OF
THE BROTHERS
TOLD ME ---

HEY,
TOM ---
I
WANNA
RAP ---

LAST NIGHT
WHEN YOU GAVE
US THAT JESUS
JAZZ---

I HAD
MY KNIFE
READY
!!!



I WAS
GOING TO
CUT YOU UP---

BUT I
COULDN'T
MOVE---

SOMETHING
HELD ME
BACK!!!



SOME OF THE
OTHER BROTHERS
TOLD ME THE
SAME THING!!!



YOU CAN
STOP SOUNDING
OFF, SKINNER---

WE DON'T
HEAR YOU!



WE DON'T NEED
NO UNCLE TOM CAT
PREACHIN' HONKY
RELIGION AT US
!!!

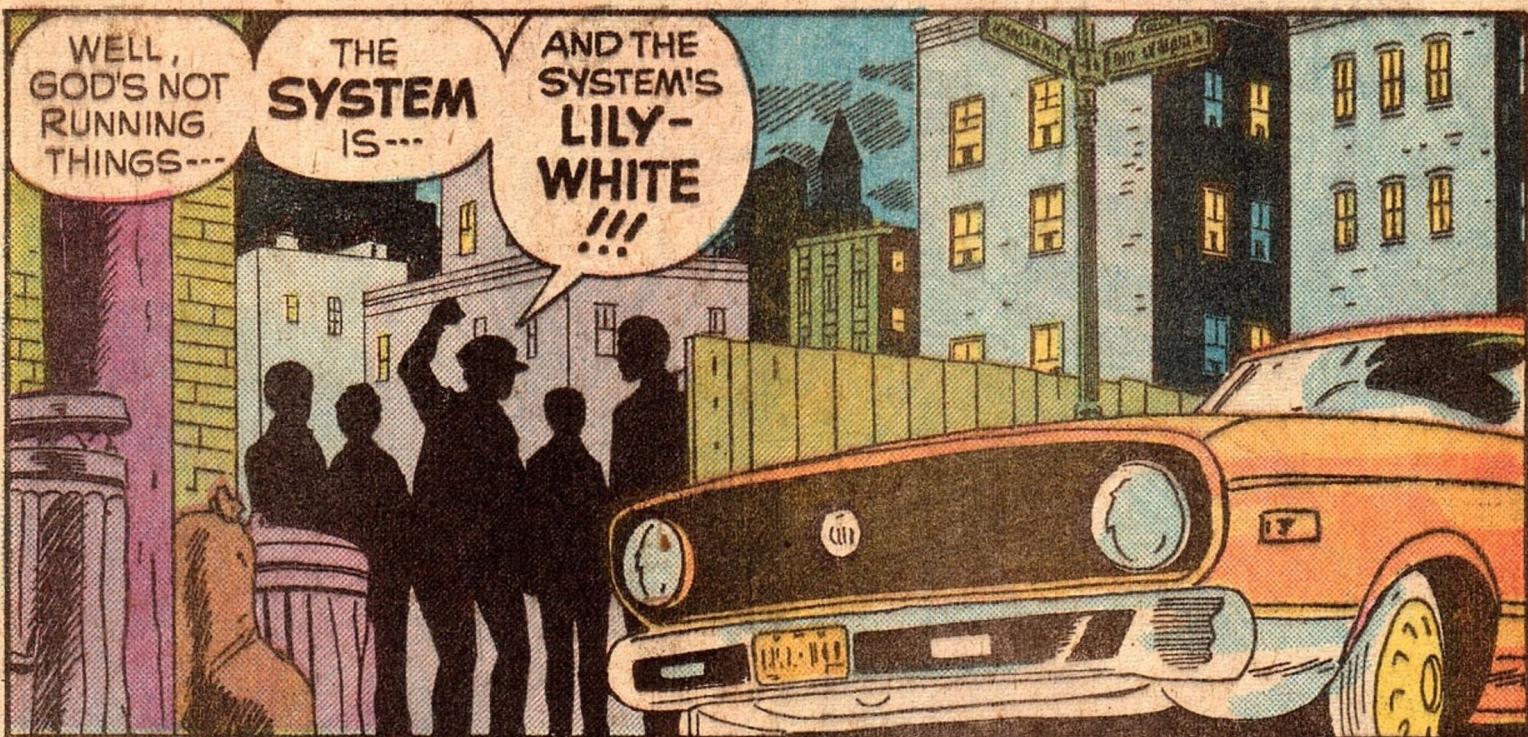
MAN, DON'T YOU
KNOW GOD IS
NEITHER BLACK
NOR WHITE
???



WELL,
GOD'S NOT
RUNNING
THINGS---

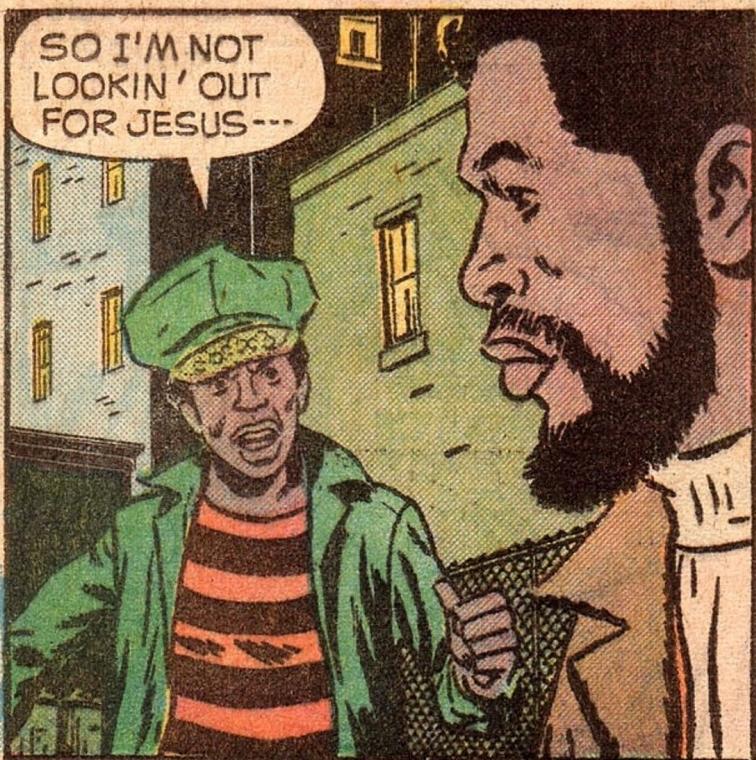
THE
SYSTEM
IS---

AND THE
SYSTEM'S
LILY-
WHITE
!!!



SO I'M NOT
LOOKIN' OUT
FOR JESUS---

I'M LOOKIN'
OUT FOR
THREE MAIN
PEOPLE---
ME--- MYSELF---
AND I
!!!



AND
WE'RE
GONNA
BUST THE
SYSTEM
!!!

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURING CO.

ZOM!

WE'RE
GONNA BLOW
THOSE FAT
CATS OUT OF
THEIR FANCY
OFFICES
!!!

LET'S SEE
HOW THE ROTTEN
OPPRESSIVE SYSTEM
HANDLES THAT
!!!

WAIT A
MINUTE,
BROTHER---



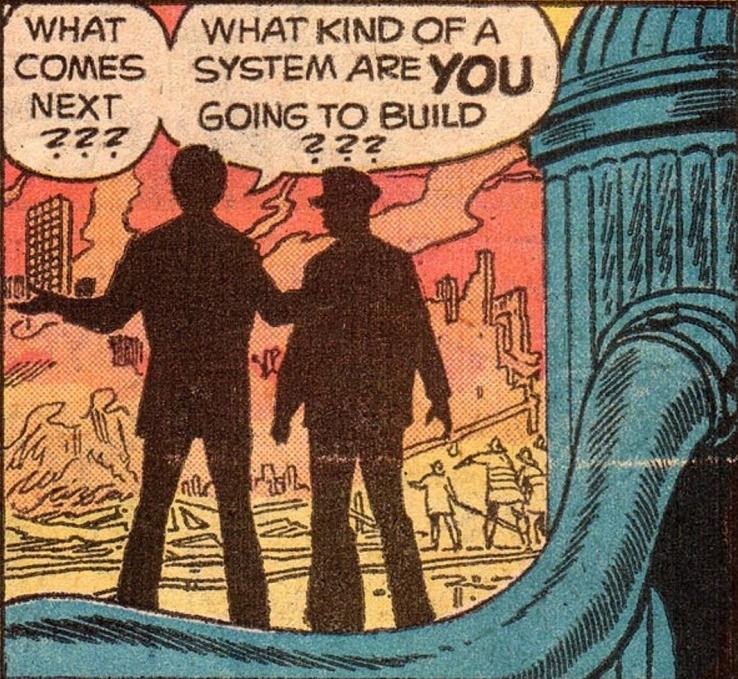
YOU DIDN'T
GIVE ME THE
WHOLE
AGENDA !!!

HUH
???



WHAT
COMES
NEXT
???

WHAT KIND OF A
SYSTEM ARE YOU
GOING TO BUILD
???



I'M NOT ABOUT
TO SPILL MY BLOOD
FOR A DEAL THAT
DOESN'T KNOW
WHERE IT'S
GOING !!!



BESIDES---

YOU'VE ONLY
CHANGED THE
LANDSCAPE--

NOT
THE
SYSTEM
!!!



TOMORROW
THEY'LL BUILD A
NEW FACTORY
WITH THE
INSURANCE
CHECK!

--AND THE
PROBLEM ISN'T
FACILITIES--
IT'S
PEOPLE
!!!

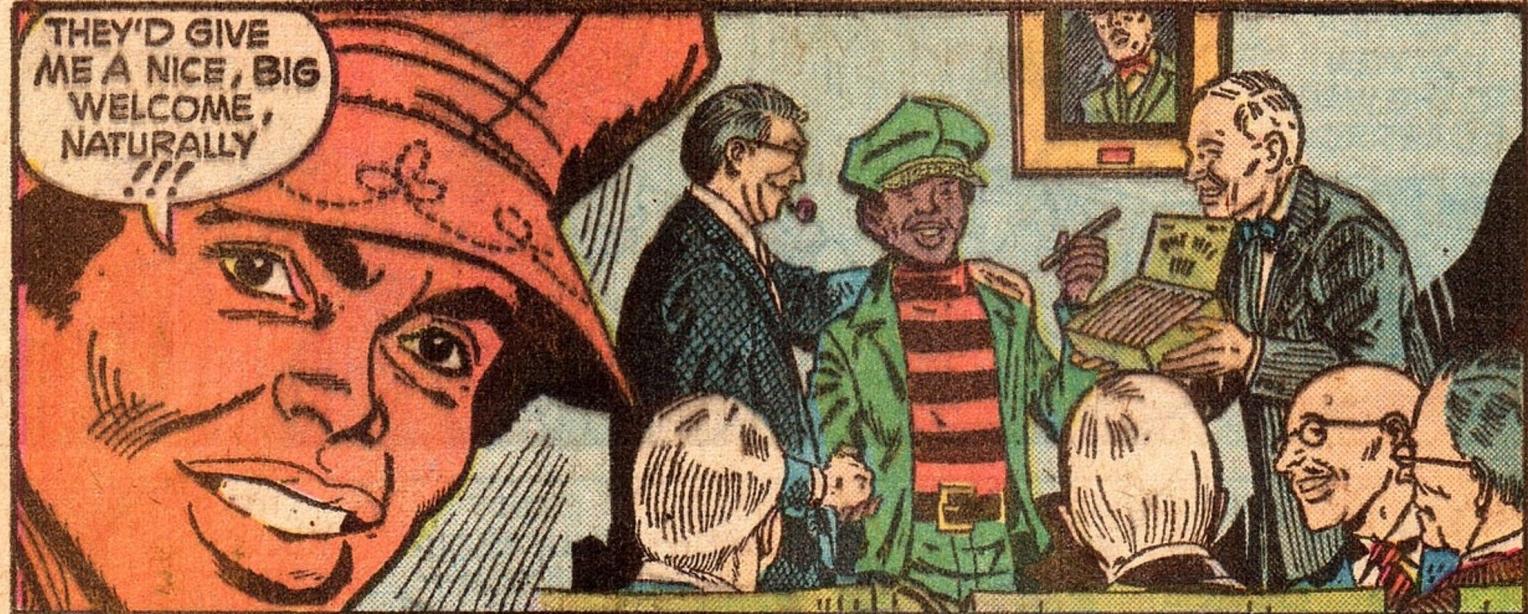
PEOPLE MAKE
DECISIONS---
PEOPLE
RUN THE
SYSTEM!

IF YOU WANT
TO CHANGE THE
SYSTEM---
YOU'VE
GOT TO
CHANGE
FOLKS
!!!

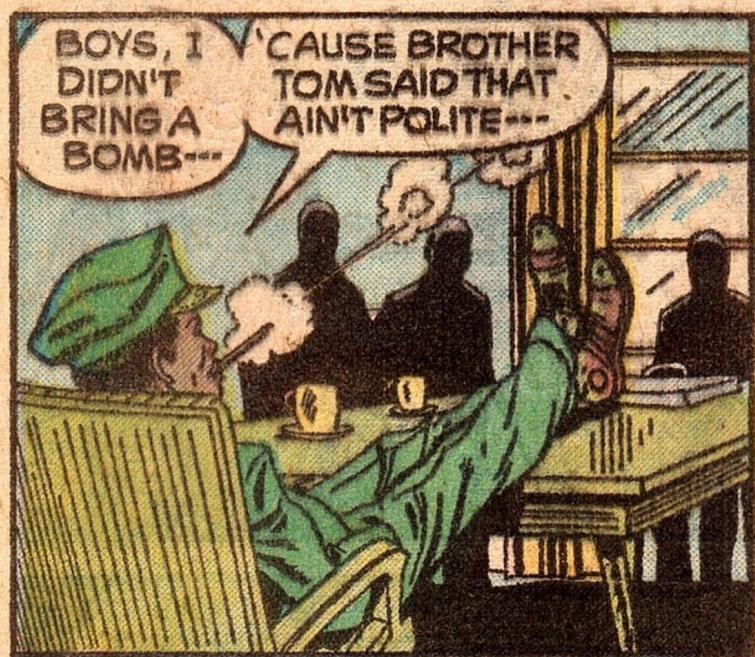
NOW AIN'T THAT
SWEET
???

I CAN JUST SEE ME
WALKING INTO THE BOARD-
ROOM OF GENERAL MOTORS---

THEY'D GIVE
ME A NICE, BIG
WELCOME,
NATURALLY



BOYS, I
DIDN'T
BRING A
BOMB---
'CAUSE BROTHER
TOM SAID THAT.
AIN'T POLITE---



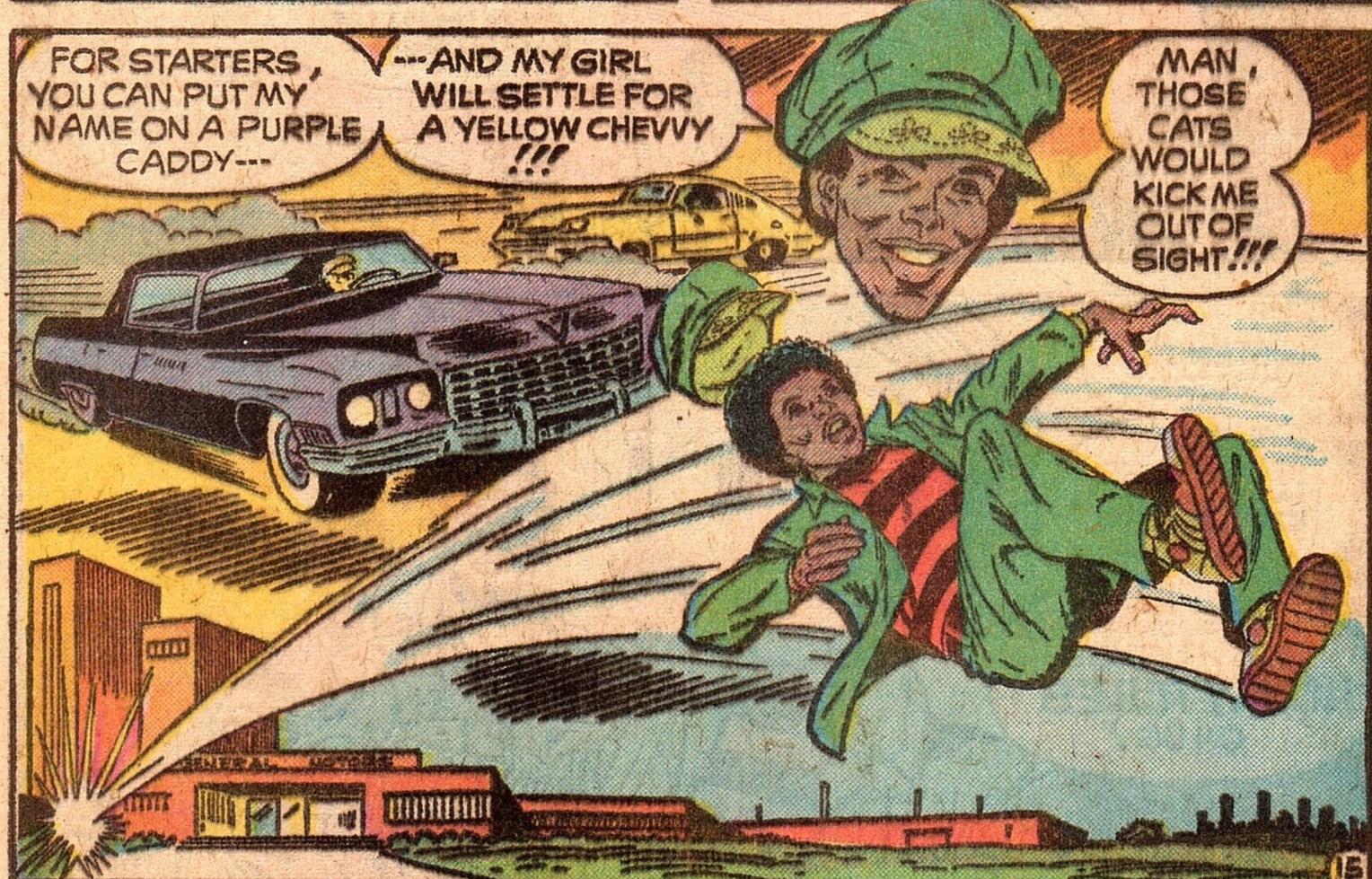
---BUT I'D LIKE
A PIECE OF THE
ACTION!!!



FOR STARTERS,
YOU CAN PUT MY
NAME ON A PURPLE
CADDY---

---AND MY GIRL
WILL SETTLE FOR
A YELLOW CHEVVY
!!!

MAN,
THOSE
CATS
WOULD
KICK ME
OUT OF
SIGHT!!!





THE DUDE WANTS US
TO PLAY **SUNDAY
SCHOOL!**

DON'T
SMOKE!

DON'T
DRINK!



DON'T
LOOK AT
GIRLS!



AND IF WE
PLAY NICE
WE'LL ALL
TURN INTO
ANGELS
!!!

SOME
MAN
MADE UP
THOSE
RULES---



JESUS
GIVES US
ONLY
ONE
RULE---

LOVE!

HE WANTS
US TO LOVE
EACH OTHER---

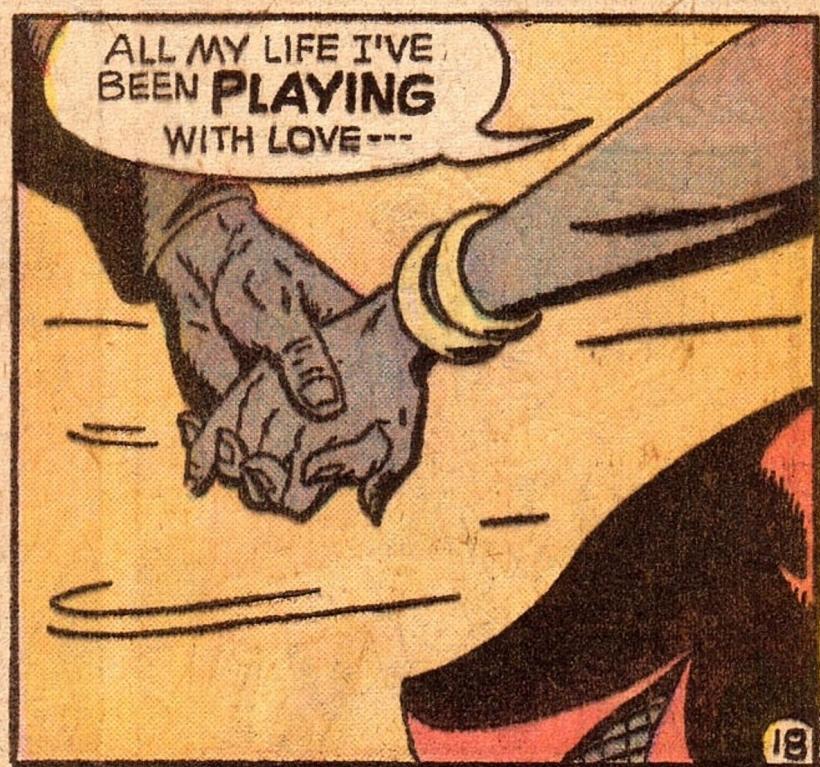
THE WAY
HE LOVES US!



AND HE
LOVES US---

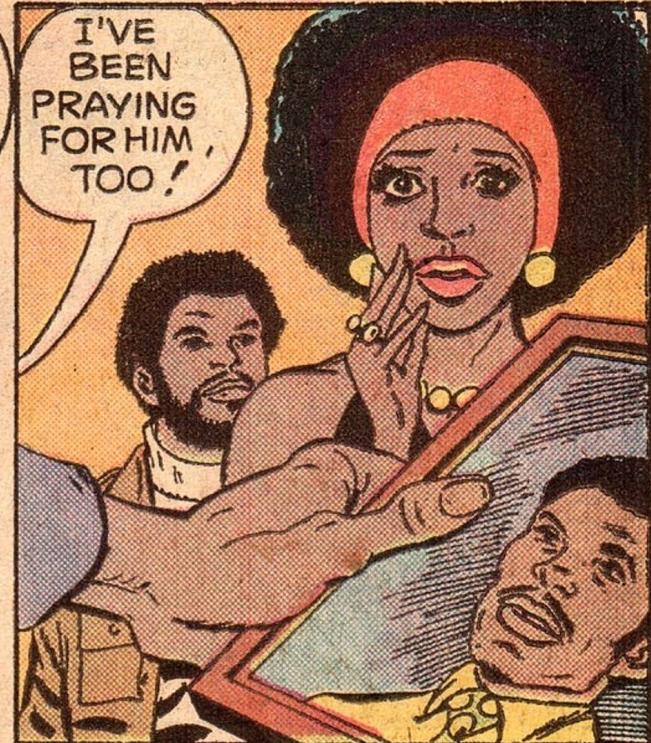
JUST THE
WAY WE
ARE!











JESUS CHANGED
ME, JOHNNY---

HE LOVES
ME!

AND HE
LOVES
YOU!

DON'T LAY
THAT RELIGION
BIT ON ME
!!!

SHE'S NOT
TALKING ABOUT
RELIGION,
JOHNNY---

SHE'S TALKING
ABOUT **LIFE**!

LIFE
???

I'LL
TELL YOU
WHAT LIFE
IS LIKE---

--LIFE
IS
RATS---

AND
ROTTEN
LAND-
LORDS!!!

LIFE IS
CORRUPT
COPS---

--AND
BIGOTS!

LIFE IS JUNKIES
HOOKING US EARLY---

LIFE IS NOT
KNOWING WHO YOUR
FATHER IS!

THAT'S
WHY WE'RE
HERE,
JOHNNY---

JESUS
SAYS LIFE
DOESN'T HAVE
TO BE A
RIP-OFF!!!

HE WANTS TO
LIVE IN HIS
DISCIPLES...
AND MAKE
THIS WORLD A
BETTER PLACE
THROUGH THEM!

I'VE GOT A
BETTER DEAL
ALL PLANNED,
PAL---

WHEN I
GET OUT OF
HERE ---

I'M GONNA
GET INTO
JUNK!
AND
HUSTLE
A
BUNDLE
!!!

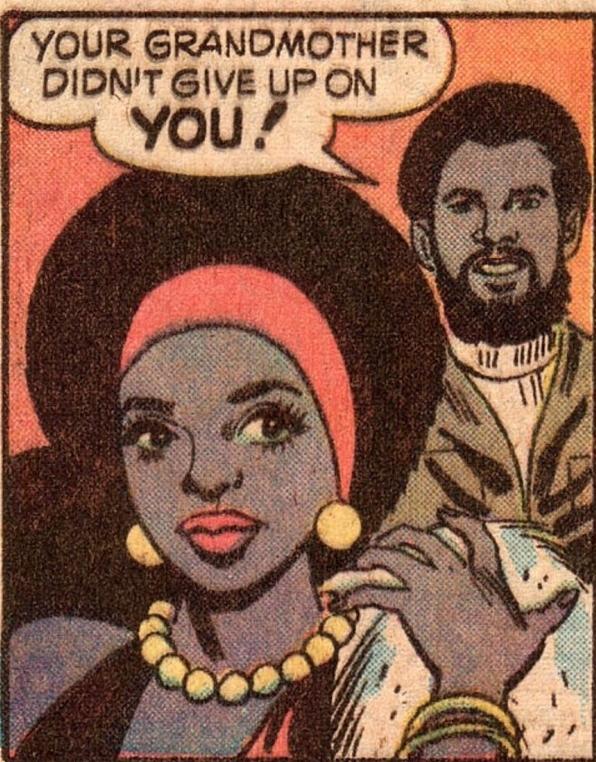
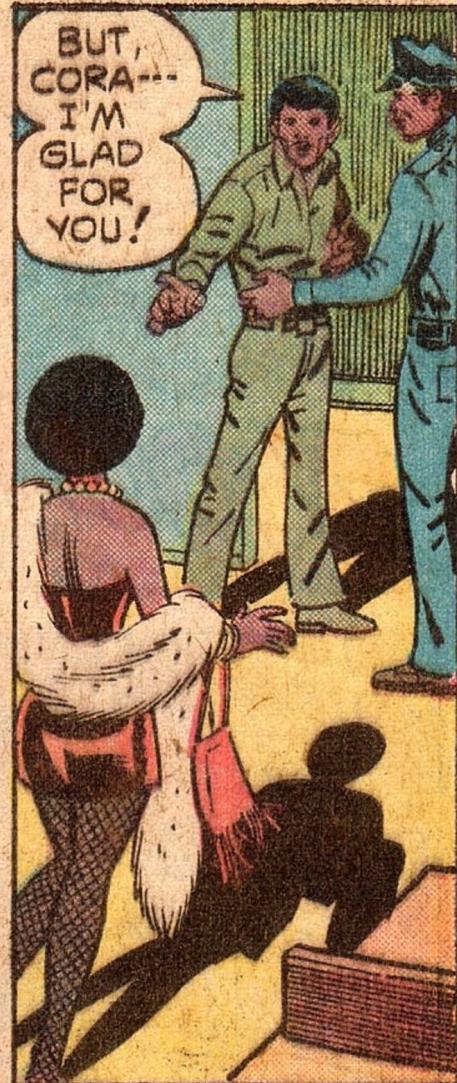
I'LL GET
ME A
WHITE DEUCE
AND A
QUARTER---

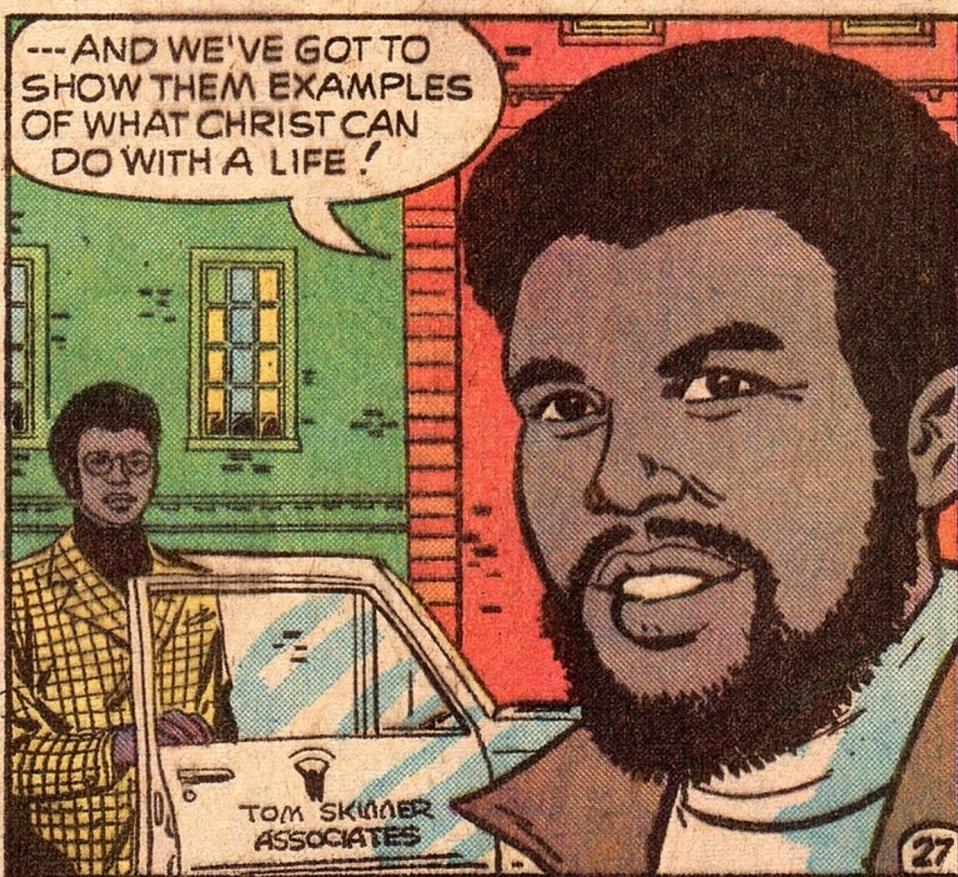
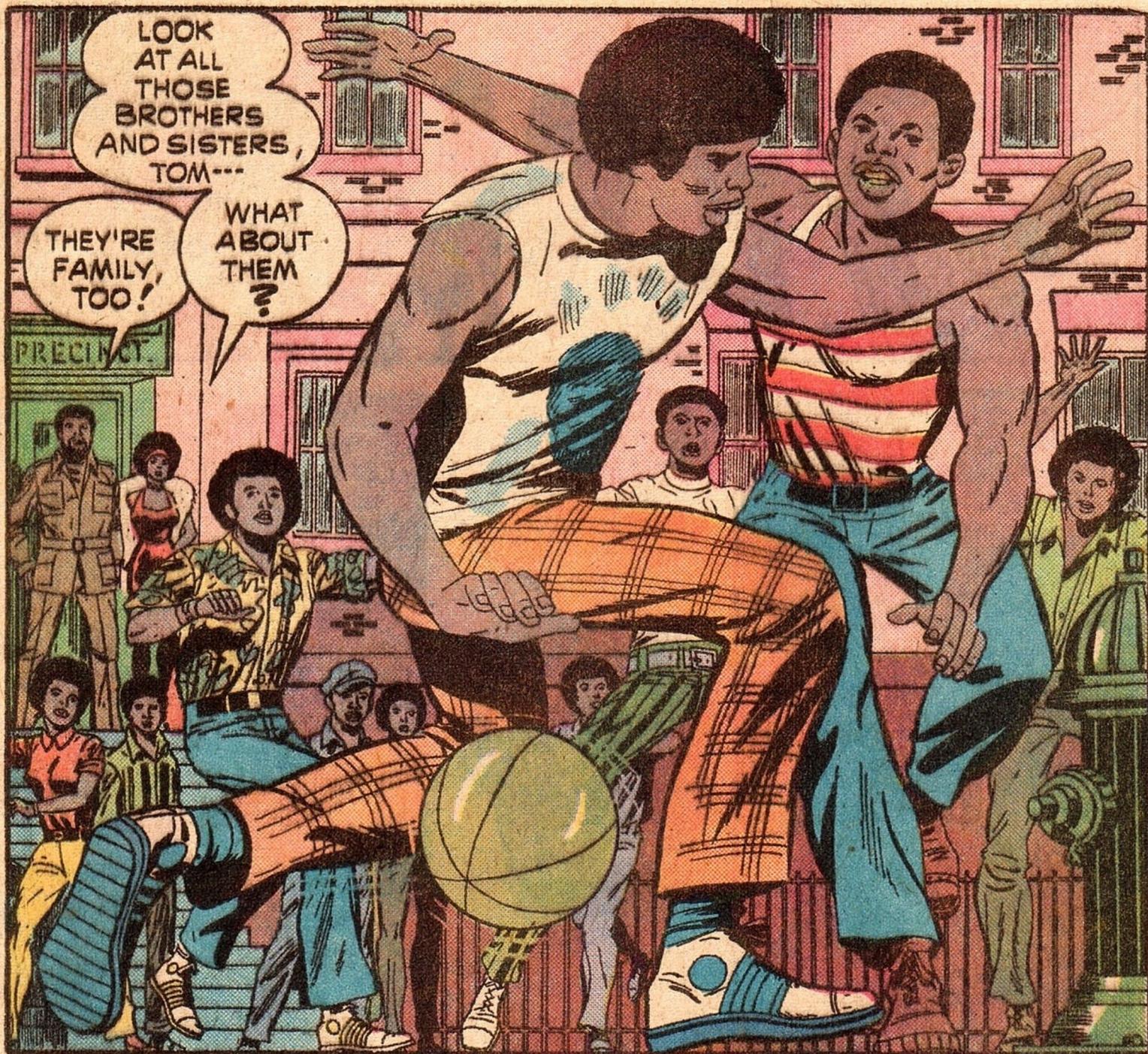
AND A
LITTLE
BLACK
BEAUTY
!!!

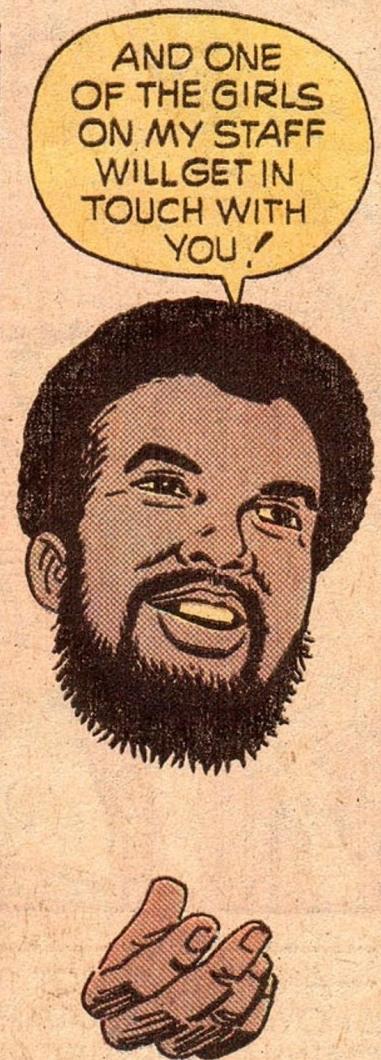
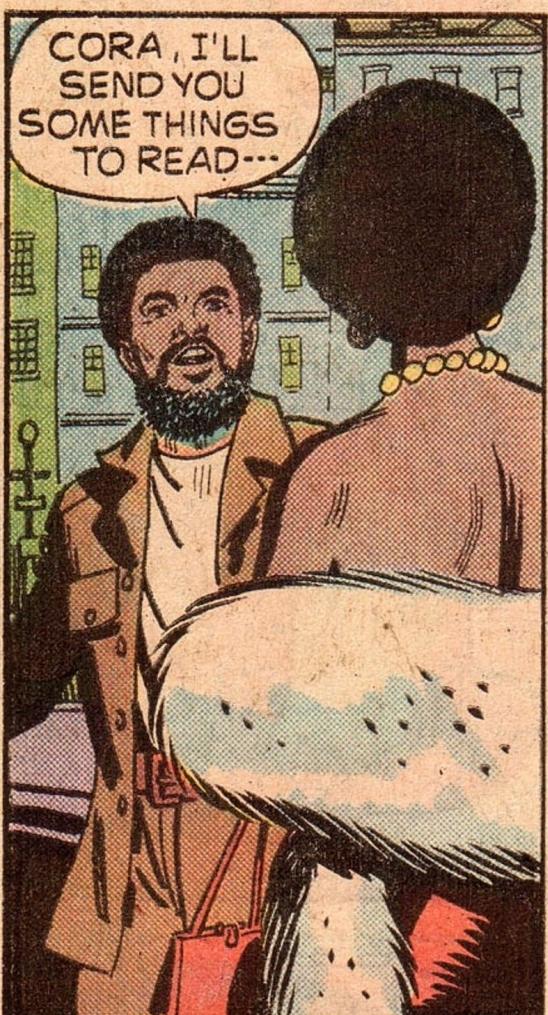
AND I'LL
THUMB MY NOSE
AT THE SYSTEM
!!!

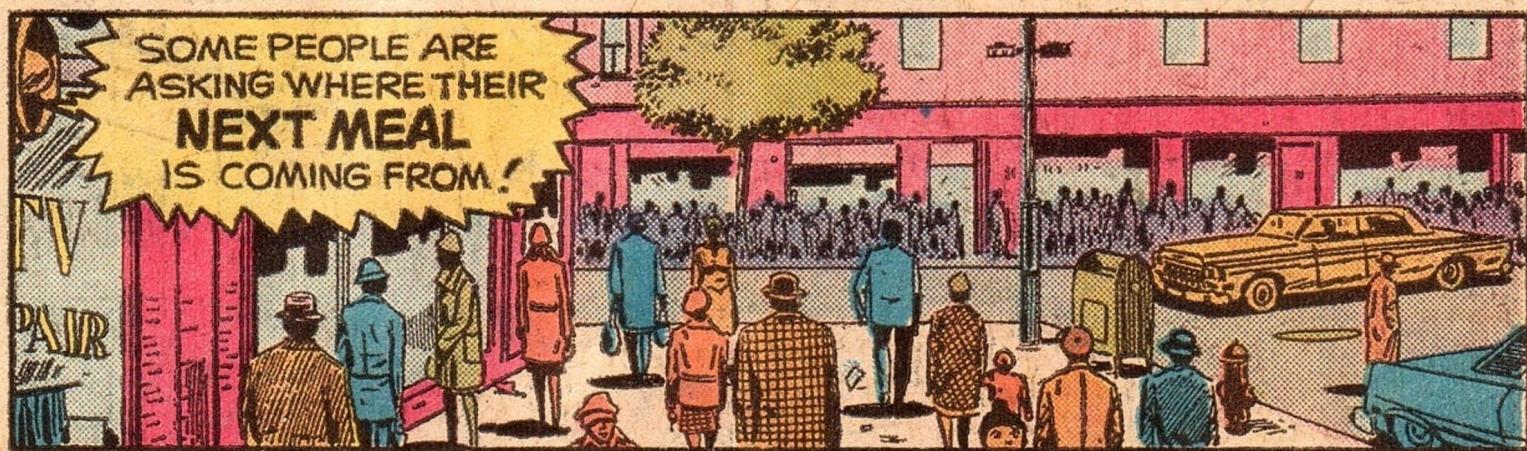
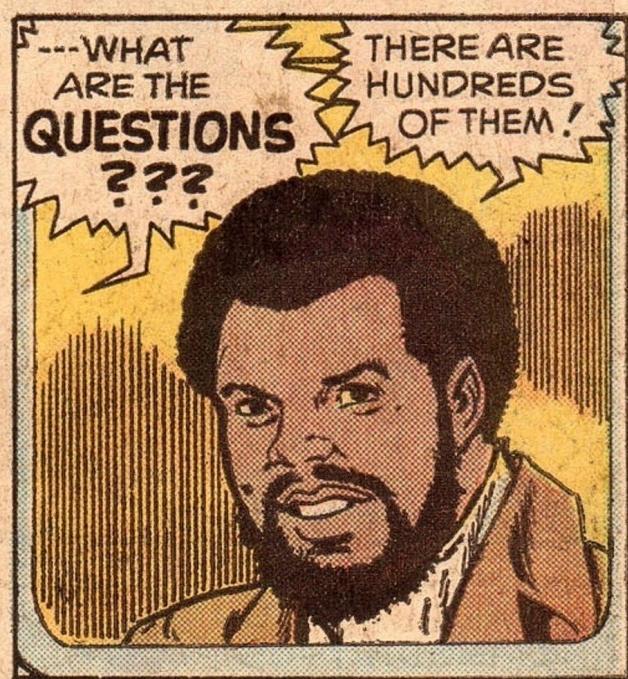
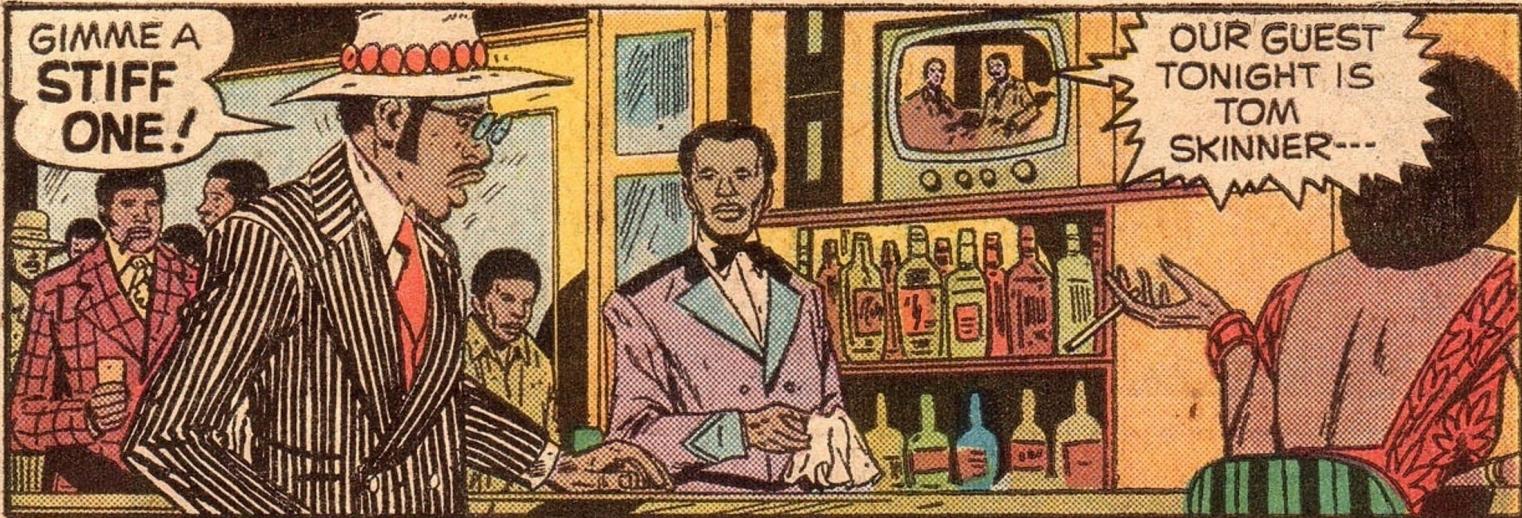
ZOOM!

JOHNNY,
THIS PLACE IS
FULL OF GUYS
WHO TOOK THAT
ROUTE !









JESUS MADE IT
CLEAR --- WE HAVE TO
BE FED PHYSICALLY
AS WELL AS
SPIRITUALLY!

AND WE
HAVE TO
BE FED
EMOTIONALLY,
TOO!

JESUS KNOWS
WHERE IT'S AT---

BECAUSE
HE'S BEEN
THERE!

HE SUFFERED
BIGOTRY AND
PERSECUTION
!!!

... AND YET HE'S THE ONLY ONE
WHO EVER LIVED THE WAY GOD
WANTS US TO LIVE !!!

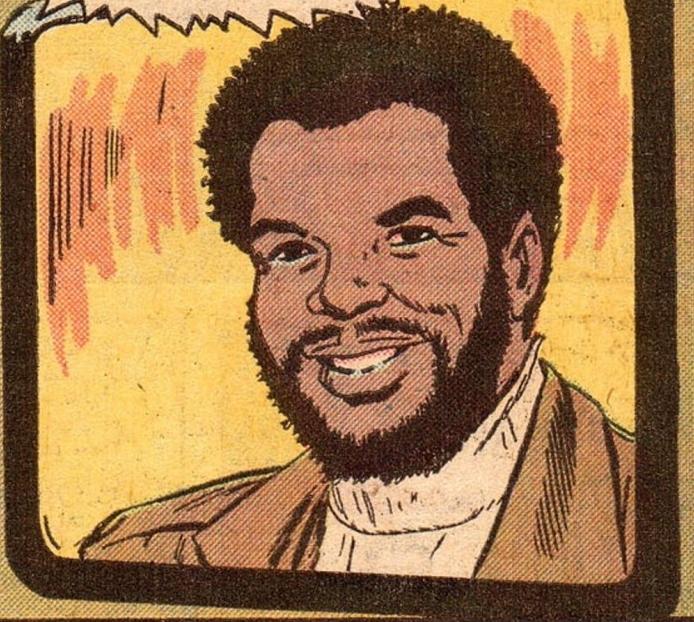
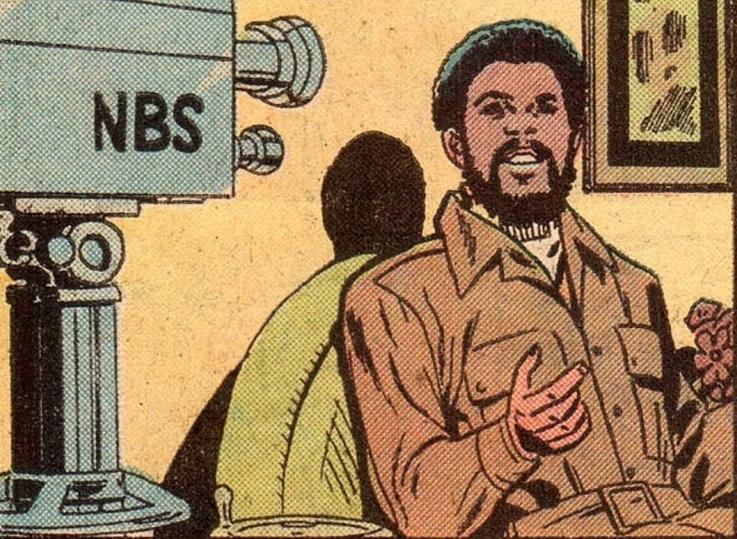
AND HE'S THE
ONLY ONE WHO
CAN WIPE OUT
INJUSTICE, RACISM
AND HATE!



I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU SAY
ABOUT HOW THE WORLD
NEEDS TO BE CHANGED---

YOU CAN'T CHANGE IT
UNTIL YOU BEGIN WITH
YOURSELF!

NBS



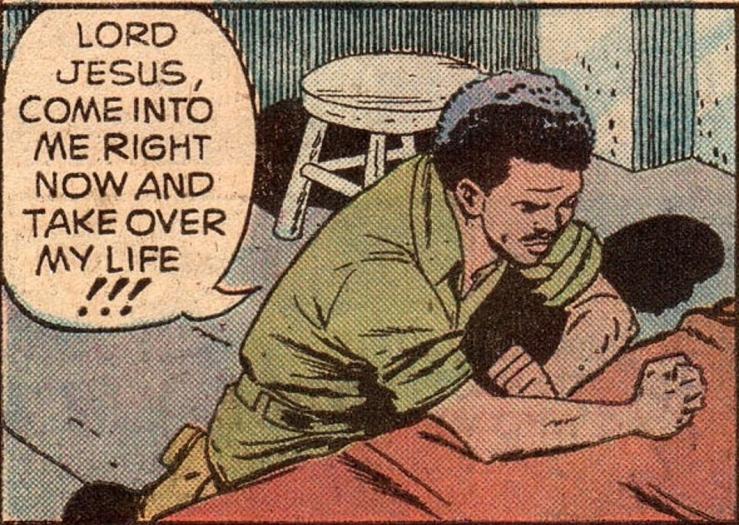
YOU'VE
TRIED
EVERYTHING
ELSE ---

GIVE
GOD
A
CHANCE
!!!

Holy
Bible



LORD
JESUS,
COME INTO
ME RIGHT
NOW AND
TAKE OVER
MY LIFE
!!!



IF YOU'D
LIKE TO KNOW
MORE ABOUT
JESUS AND
HIS LOVE,
WRITE TO ME ---
YOUR BROTHER,
TOM
TOM SKINNER

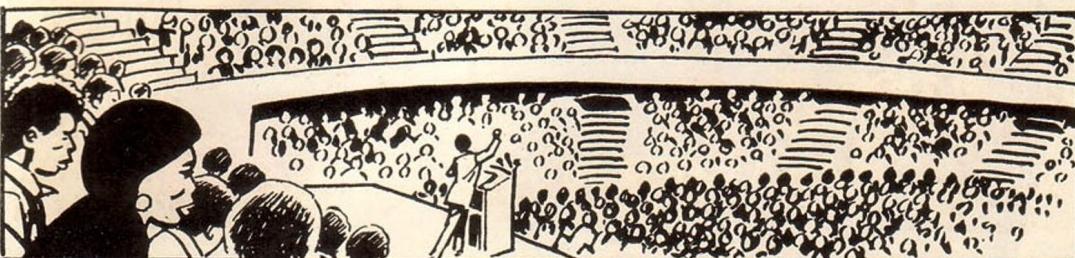
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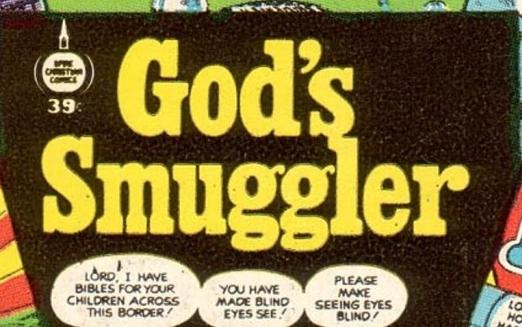
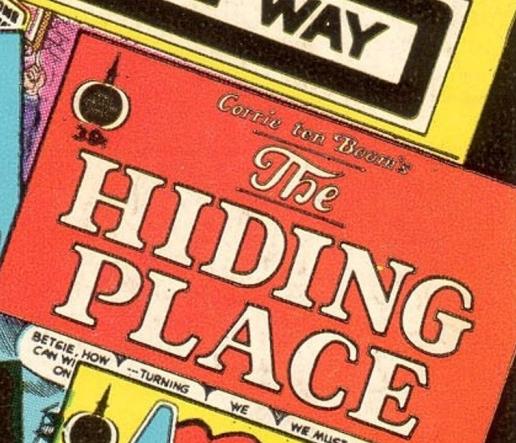
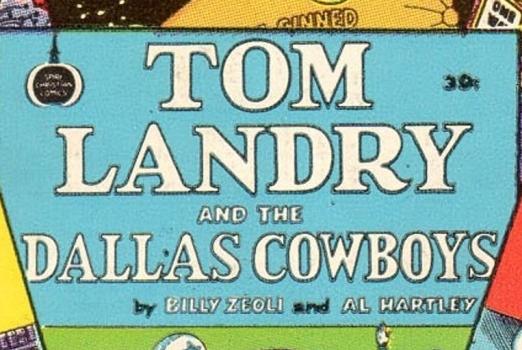
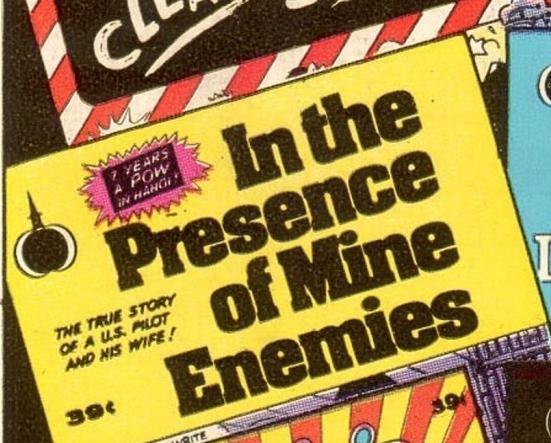
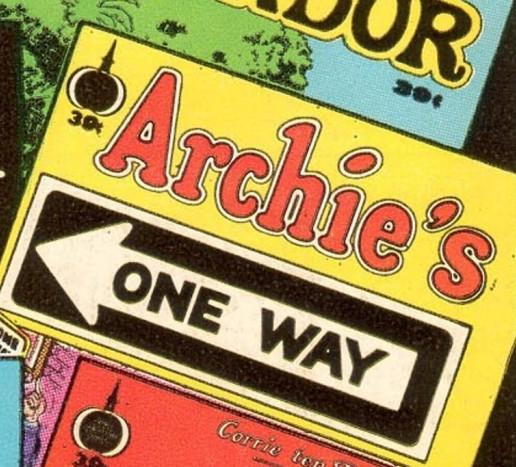
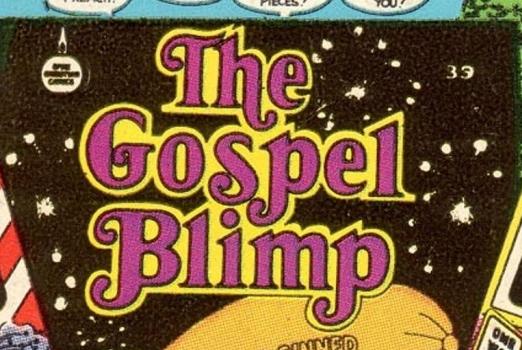
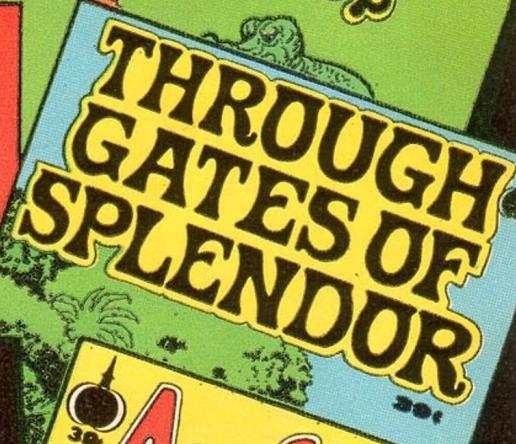
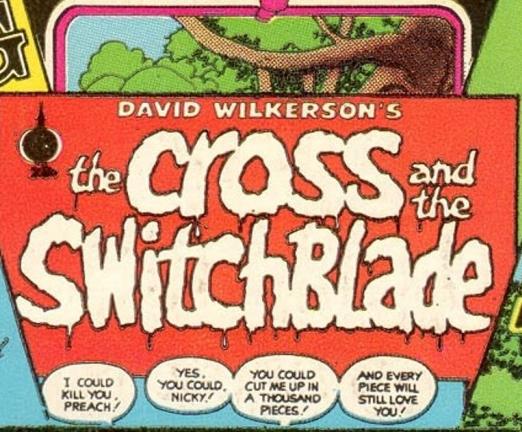
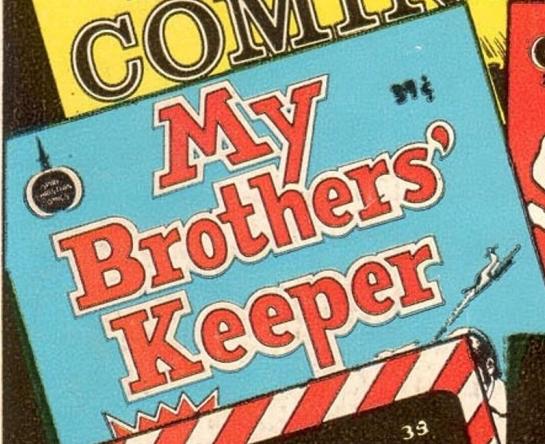
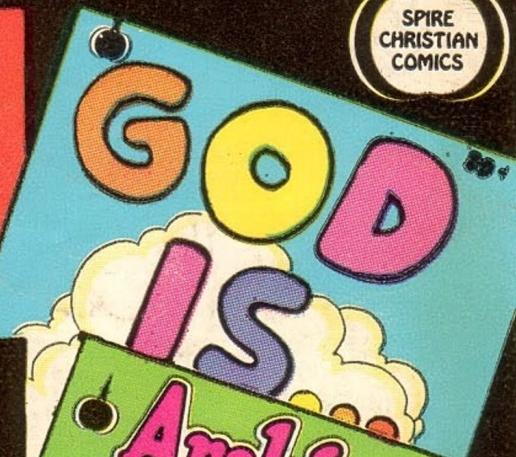
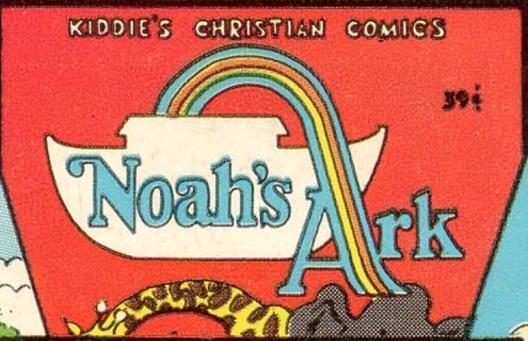
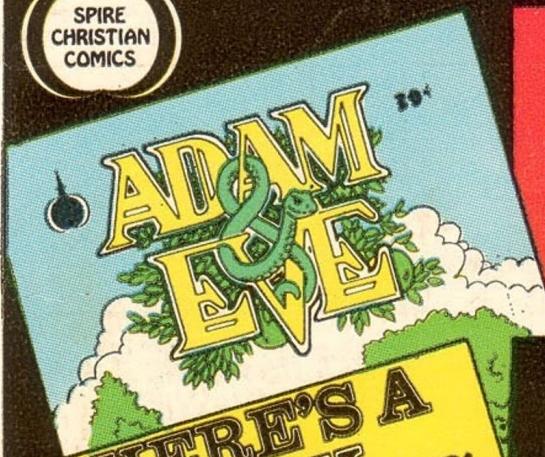


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